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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2003 (Paper No. 8) and the Advisory Action mailed April 16, 2004 (Paper No. 3) in regard to the above-identified patent application and is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows: